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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008.

The total SAKs for this project was 6,723. Of these 6,723 SAKs, 4,763 were determined to be unanalyzed. As of October 25, 2010, all 4,763 unanalyzed SAKs have been outsourced for analysis, with 890 SAKs awaiting results to be returned from the outsourcing laboratories.

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,763	71%	890	13%
Analyzed SAKs	1,960	29%	5,833	87%
Total SAKs	6,723	100%	6,723	100%

The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	2,461	64%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,412	36%
Total Results Received	3,873	100%

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	212	9%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	711	29%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	825	33%
Uploaded to CODIS	713	29%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	2,461	100%

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 14 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through October 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Totals
September 2009- August 2010	\$143,008	\$2,551,344	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$2,861,466
September 2010	\$0	\$253,068	\$0	\$0	\$253,068
October 2010	\$0	\$127,421	\$0	\$0	\$127,421
Totals	\$143,008	\$2,931,833	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$3,241,955

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. All five individuals have begun employment as criminalists in the Forensic Biology Section. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position and has been transferred to the Forensic Biology Section.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau has received 1,397 SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. Currently, 868 SAKs have been completed and 529

SAKs are either undergoing, or in queue for, testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	59	26	85
Pending Assignment	22	422	444
Total	81	448	529

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 334 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 334 cases, 235 are currently under investigation. Ninety-nine cases are closed: 28 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 4 Non-Detained petitions (minor subject) were filed, 45 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 19 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. Two cases were referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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